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In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on p. 11, line 17, as follows:

A surface 48 of the metering rod holder and surfaces 50 of the coater head [[26]] 20, and 52 of the blade facing away from the backing roll define a recirculation channel 54 which collects coating passing over the distal end of the blade as designated by arrow 56. At the other, lower, end of the recirculation chamber, referring still to the embodiment shown in Fig. 3, a plurality of flow-metering orifices 58 are formed in the coater head. These flow-metering orifices are aligned parallel with one another in the cross-machine direction. They extend longitudinally between the recirculation channel 54 and the mixing chamber 26.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 18, p. 3A, as follows:

Other known prior art is shown and described in US-A-4 434 018 U.S. Pats. Nos. 4,834,018; 4,920,913; 5,173,120 and 5,192,591; and EP-A-0 514 735US-A-4 920 913; EP-A-0 514 735; US-A-5 173 120 and US-A-5 192 591.